खुदरा बिक्री केन्द्रों डीलरशिपों के लाइसेंस रद्द कर दिये गये है ।

Pending dealers Cases

1981. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 5000 cases of dealerships of petroleum and L.P.G. are pending for selection for more than a year;

(b) if so, details thereof and by when the selection procedure will start;

(c) whether it is a fact that a panel of 50 ex-judges is to be set-up for the purpose; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that an amount of Rs. Six crores has been already spent in the process of setting up Selection Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. More than 5300 locations are pending for selection of dealers/distributors all over the country. Government has decided to constitute 52 Dealer Selection Board (DSBs), of which 43 DSBs have already been constituted and with this the process of selection has already been set in motion. As these DSBs have been constituted recently, it may not be possible to quantify the expenditure incurred thereon at present.

Drilling Operation for CBM in Raniganj

1982. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether "Well Release Order" was issued by ONGC in November, 1996 to evaluate methane potential of all the coal seams of Raniganj formation;

(b) whether a rig was decided to be transferred in the area for drilling purpose as per a release order in April, 1997 from WRBC and ONGC; and

(c) if so, the present status and the reasons for the delay in taking up drilling operation for CBM in Raniganj area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) After taking the decision referred to in (b) above, ONGC on 1.8.97 decided to await the implementation of the new policy of Government for undertaking CBM exploration based on ONGC's assessment of the offered blocks and preferably in strategic alliance with a partner. Thereafter, ONGC, on 28.11.1998 have applied for the grant of a Petroleum Exploration License (PEL) for CBM exploration in one of the blocks of Raniganj basin. The said PEL is to be granted by the Govt. of West Bengal with the prior approval of the Central Government. ONGC now proposes to commence the CBM exploraion in this area after the grant of the PEL.

Exploration of coal bed methane in Vidarbha region

1983. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in depth studies of the formation of vast coal basis in